

# SHOTFIRE SHIRAZ

When the Clarke forbears discovered gold in 1870 at the Lady Alice mine in the Barossa goldfields, so began a family dynasty intrigued by geology. A fine legacy that is reflected today in the terroir of our vineyards. The Shotfire range immortalises the Shotfirer's hazardous job of setting and lighting the charges in the mines.



<b>VINTAGE</b>	2015	<b>REGION</b>	Barossa
<b>HARVESTED</b>	February 2015	<b>BOTTLED</b>	April 2016
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	14.5 % v/v	<b>VINEYARD</b>	St Kitts, Milton Park, Kabininge

## WINEMAKERS NOTE

Deep red with purple tints. Rich and concentrated dark fruits, with charry oak and mocha notes. The palate shows dense plum and mulberry with dark chocolate and savoury oak tannins. The wine is intense, balanced and shows great length on the palate.

## VINTAGE

2015 Vintage was characterised by a dry period extending from July to April, together with warmer than usual temperatures during Spring until mid January which advanced maturity on lower yielding vines. Mild temperatures from Mid January slowed maturities concentrating flavour and intensifying colour development.

## WINEMAKING

The grapes were de-stemmed into fermenters. Ferments were pumped over twice daily to maximise colour, tannin and flavour extraction. Cooling is used to ensure ferments remain in the 22-25 degree celcius range which allows maximum fruit expression in the wine. Pressing occurs approximately seven days after fermentation commences and the wine is then filled to American oak to mature (14 months in 40% new American hogsheads with the balance going into 2nd and 3rd fill barrels).

